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Slow Pace of Internet in Train
Biju Shri Parayamparanbil Kuttappan

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Internet connectivity in moving trains is considerably slow in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to improve internet connectivity?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b): At present, internet service is available only in 12301/12302 Howrah − New Delhi − Howrah Rajdhani Express through a two-way satellite link where there is a limit to the overall speed with which passengers can access the internet. Currently, one 4 Mbps satellite link is available for the two rakes of the said train and only 2 Mbps per rake is accessible as both 12301 and 12302 are on the run at the same time. This 2 Mbps is shared by all passengers on board who are using internet services.
Further, efforts are being made to identify a suitable and cost effective technology for providing Wi-Fi Internet facility in moving trains. Once such technology is identified, provision of Internet at better speeds in more trains will be taken up.
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